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The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely [X]response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application.

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I. <u>Introductory Comments</u>

The present paper is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2003. The present paper is timely filed since this paper is also a request for extension of time of two months to and including October 5, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge fees in the amount of \$210.00 for a two-month extension of time to Haynes & Boone Deposit Account No. 08-1394/32187.14. No further fees are believed due for the filing of the present response, however, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 deemed necessary to Haynes & Boone Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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